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EXDIS, FOR AMBASSADOR HILL FROM ARA-LUERS, ACTING

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SUBJECT: CRISIS BETWEEN AMBASSADOR MUSICH AND FOREIGN
MINISTER

REF: B.A. 6059 GDS

1. AMBASSADOR MUSICH DID RECEIVE FATHER WEEKS SHORTLY
AFTER LATTER'S RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES. MUSICH HAD
AGREED ONLY TO RECEIVE A CORDOBA BUSINESSMAN, WHO IS A
FRIEND OF WEEKS. BUSINESSMAN TURNED UP AT EMBASSY WITH
PRIEST, WHO REQUESTED AMBASSADOR'S INTERVENTION ON BEHALF
OF REMAINING IMPRISONED CORDOBA SEMINARIANS. MUSICH
INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT HE HAD SEEN WEEKS.

2. MUSICH ALSO RECEIVED RABBI ROSENTHAL OF B'NAI B'RITH.
ON SEPTEMBER 13, MUSICH TELEPHONED HIS EMBASSY FROM BUENOS
AIRES ASKING THAT ROSENTHAL BE ADVISED OF DECREE BANNING
ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE. EMBASSY SO INFORMED ROSENTHAL,
WHO LATER NOTED MUSICH'S THOUGHTFULNESS TO DEPTOFF. ROBINSON

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